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SUBJECT: UNIDO - GROUP B MEETING ON SA DRAFT STATUTES

REF: A. VIENNA 5229; B. STATE 126881; C. VIENNA 4994

1. GROUP B MET JUNE 19, VON SCHENCK (SWITZ.) IN CHAIR,  
TO REVIEW DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO UNIDO'S PROPOSED  
TRANSFORMATION TO SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

2. US AND OTHERS REPORTED ON CONVERSATIONS HELD WITH LOCAL  
G-77 MISSION REPS CONCERNING JUNE 13 G-77 WORKING PARTY  
MEETING (REF A) AND DEVELOPING G-77 ATTITUDES. OTHER GROUP  
B DELS HAD PICKED UP ESSENTIALLY SAME INFO AS WE. CHAIRMAN  
INVITED VIEWS WHETHER REACTIVATION OF GROUP B WORKING PARTY  
ON DRAFT STATUTES DESIRABLE, WHETHER GROUP B SHOULD SUPPORT  
FORMATION OF VIENNA-BASED CONTACT GROUP WITHIN G-77 AT  
THIS TIME, AND OTHERWISE HOW TO PROCEED.

3. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT VERY LITTLE TIME REMAINED FOR  
VIENNA-BASED G-77 REPS TO DEVELOP POSITIONS PRIOR TO ACTION  
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SHIFTING TO GENEVA AND ECOSOC (AND RATHER RUDIMENTARY STATE OF

MOST GROUP B POSITIONS) GROUP B MEMBERS SAW LITTLE TO BE ACHIEVED BY RECONSTITUTING LOCAL WORKING PARTY OR UNDERTAKING MORE STRUCTURED INTER-GROUP CONTACTS IN VIENNA AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, IN EVENT FALL UNGA SESSIONS AGREED CONSTITUTE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING MACHINERY TO CONTINUE AFTER 30TH GA, SUCH LOCAL WORKING PARTY/CONTACT GROUP SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

4. GROUP B TOOK NOTE OF AMB. MEHTA'S EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GENEVA-BASED G-77 RADICALS (NOTABLY ALGERIA AND CUBA) WOULD TRY TO DOMINATE G-77 AT ECOSOC AND HIS REQUEST (SUPPORTED IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION BY SIAZON) THAT GROUP B DELS AT ECOSOC SUPPORT EFFORTS GET UNIDO/SA ITEM DEFERRED UNTIL LATE IN ECOSOC SESSION; MEHTA AND SIAZON HAD ARGUED THAT G-77 MODERATE ELEMENTS NEEDED TIME TO CURB MORE EXTREME PROPOSALS. HOWEVER, WHILE G-77 PLANNED USE OCCASION OF ECOSOC TO CONCERT ON SUBSTANCE, OBJECTIVE OF MODERATE (ASIAN) ELEMENTS WOULD BE TO LIMIT FORMAL ECOSOC CONSIDERATION TO TAKING NOTE OF UN/UNIDO SECRETARIATS' DRAFT STATUTES AND REFERRING THEM TO SS-VII, AFTER DELEGATIONS HAD USED ECOSOC AGENDA ITEM AS PLATFORM TO GIVE GENERAL DEBATE-TYPE PREVIEW OF THEIR POSITIONS. IN CONSIDERING FOREGOING, GROUP B MEMBERS WERE GENERALLY DISPOSED FOLLOW LINE PUT FORWARD BY MEHTA AND SIAZON BUT WERE IN FULL AGREEMENT THAT GROUP B SHOULD LIMIT ITSELF TO SUPPORT OF THESE PROPOSALS; IF PUT FORWARD AS GROUP B INITIATIVES, THEY WOULD ALMOST AUTOMATICALLY BE REJECTED BY G-77. IT ALSO AGREED THAT G-77 USE OF ECOSOC AS LOCUS TO ESTABLISH THEIR POSITION WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO EFFORTS HOLD INTER-GROUP CORRIDOR CONSULTATIONS, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY TO FEED IN GROUP B ATTITUDES BEFORE G-77 POSITION FIXED. (ACCORDINGLY, U.S.DEL SHOULD BE PREPARED EXPLOIT SUCH OPPORTUNITIES AS THEY ARISE.)

5. GROUP B MEMBERS GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT THAT INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATIONS ON DRAFT STATUTES CONTINUE AFTER 30TH GA, BUT AGREED WITH OUR POSITION THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNDER ARTIFICIAL TIME PRESSURES.

6. ONLY SPECIFIC ASPECT OF JOINT SECRETARIATS' REVISED DRAFT STATUTES DISCUSSED WERE INSUFFICIENCY OF IDB'S AUTHORITY OVER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DIRECTOR GENERAL AND PROVISION FOR WEIGHTED VOTING ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS, TOGETHER WITH INCLUSION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN CALCULATION THEREOF. DISCUSSION REVEALED THAT SEVERAL GROUP B DELS HAD PICKED UP SIGNALS FROM WIDE RANGE OF G-77 REPRESENTATION THAT 50 PERCENT WEIGHT GIVEN CONTRIBUTORS IN PRESENT SECRETARIAT DRAFT UNACCEPTABLE TO G-77, ALTHOUGH MOST G-77 REPS WITH WHICH GROUP B MEMBERS HAD CONSULTED WERE PREPARED ACCEPT SOME WEIGHTED FORMULA. WHEN U.S. VOICED ITS

OPPOSITION TO INCLUSION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (PARA 3(C) OF REF B), WE RAN INTO SURPRISINGLY HEAVY FLAK FROM B GROUP COLLEAGUES. BASIC ARGUMENT WITH WHICH WE WERE CONFRONTED WAS PRINCIPLE OF WEIGHTED VOTING ON FINANCIAL QUESTIONS MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAT PRINCIPLED OBJECTIONS TO INCLUSION OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND WEIGHTED VOTING SHOULD NOT BE ENDANGERED BY REFUSAL CONSIDER LATTER'S INCLUSION. ALL AGREED THAT CLARIFICATION MUST BE SOUGHT AS TO HOW VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE COUNTED IN AND SOME APPEARED PREPARED RECONSIDER THEIR POSITIONS OF BASIS OF SUCH CLARIFICATIONS, BUT WE RECEIVED NO RPT NO SUPPORT FOR OUR OPPOSITION TO THEIR INCLUSION.

7. FOR IO/EX -- MENTER. U.S. TOOK OCCASION TO REPORT ON OUR EXPLORATIONS WITH AUSTRIAN FONMIN CONCERNING PROVISION OF MISSION OFFICE SPACE IN NEW DONAU PARK COMPLEX. OUR BRIEF REPORT PROVIDED EVIDENT INTEREST (AND APPRECIATION FOR U.S. INITIATIVE) AND INDICATION ON PART OF SEVERAL GROUP B REPS THAT THEY WOULD RECOMMEND THEIR CAPITALS GIVE THIS POSSIBILITY CONSIDERATION IN THEIR OWN BEHALFS.

8. GROUP B ADJOURNED SINE DIE, WITH EXPECTATION THAT NEXT MEETING WOULD BE CALLED BY VON SCHENCK SOMETIME IN AUGUST.GRIBBLE

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